

grant, in an amount at least equal to \$500 times the non- and limited-English proficient student count for the second preceding school year prior to the fiscal year for which the appropriation is provided.

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO \$1,350 TIMES THE NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENT COUNT FOR THE SECOND PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR TO THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION IS PROVIDED.

(3) To be eligible to receive the grants provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a county board ~~shall have programs for providing instruction and services to non- and limited-English proficient students that are approved by the Department~~ SHALL:

(I) HAVE PROGRAMS FOR PROVIDING INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES, ANNUALLY EVALUATE NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS IN LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING, AND WRITING ENGLISH TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY.

[(c) (1)] (4) (I) The Department shall establish guidelines for programs AND GRANT ELIGIBILITY for non- and limited-English proficient students.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE BOARD SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS FOR NON- AND LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS.

[(2)] (5) A county board shall expend the State funds received under this [section] SUBSECTION for programs for non- and limited-English proficient students and shall report annually to the Department on the actual expenditures of the State funds received under this section.

(D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE, IN THE MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, AN AMOUNT FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT", WHICH SHALL BE CALCULATED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDING LEVEL SHALL BE THE PRODUCT OF 2.5 PERCENT OF THE PER PUPIL BASIC CURRENT EXPENSE FIGURE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR, AND 85 PERCENT OF THE STATEWIDE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL ELIGIBLE COUNT FOR THE SECOND PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

(3) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO A COUNTY IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE:~~